

BEFORE THE BOARD

THE EDISTO RIVER PROJECT BEING URGED BEFORE IT.

By Representative Citizens From Orangeburg, Branchville, Walterboro and Other Points.

The Washington correspondent of The News and Courier writes as follows concerning the visit of gentlemen from Orangeburg, Branchville, Walterboro and other points to the city of Washington in the interest of what is known as the Edisto River Project:

Pleading earnestly for a "fighting chance," as emphatically stated in the remarks of Capt. M. O. Dantzler, of Orangeburg, a dozen representative citizens of that city, Charleston and the country between, today appeared before the board of engineers of the war department, with Congressmen Legare and Lever, to ask for the opening of the Edisto river from Charleston to Orangeburg.

It is doubtful if a more earnest delegation of business men ever came to Washington on a similar mission than the South Carolinians who appeared here today, begging that their section be permitted to show the world what it could do in commerce and industry by the opening up of the Edisto.

There is no politician in the delegation, with the exception of the two Congressmen named. They were thorough-going, intelligent business men, who are determined that something must be done to give them the desired waterway connection between Charleston and Orangeburg.

The delegation consisted of Messrs. R. H. Jennings, W. L. Glover, M. O. Dantzler, J. W. Smoak, W. G. Smith and Fred Wannamaker, of Orangeburg; Perry C. Dukes, W. C. Martin and Daniel Rhode, of Branchville; D. L. Smith, of Walterboro, and Mr. Duval, of Michigan, the latter a stockholder in the Edisto Lumber Company.

The members of the delegation, who told the board that the commerce of the Edisto between Charleston and Orangeburg would amply repay the Government for whatever it might expend on making the river navigable, were introduced by Representative Legare and Lever, who also took occasion to say that if the report of Engineer Adams should be sustained, a splendid country would be opened up, which is now inaccessible because there is no river navigation and the railroad lines are too distant to be of much practical benefit.

Messrs. Dantzler and Glover told of the great strides Orangeburg had made in recent years; how it had grown from a straggling village to a thriving little city of almost 10,000 inhabitants, and of what it would do if the Edisto should be opened to navigation.

For Colleton and Walterboro, Mr. Smith declared that thousands of acres of land lay along the Edisto, where the finest crops in the world are grown; but that there is no way to market them; that many head of live stock now raised in that locality, have to be driven to Charleston, thus handicapping what would otherwise be a large and paying undertaking.

Branchville was well represented and her delegates told the board that, although the little city did not occupy a very large place on the map, she would help along with the proposition, once the assurance was given that the river would be deepened and that her progressive business men had pledged their loyal support to the movement.

Representative Lever said that should Charleston and Orangeburg be linked by the proposed waterway development, it would mean the upbuilding of both cities, the advancement of the intermediate country, and the establishment of many small, but flourishing towns along the banks of the river. Assurance has already been given, he said, that if the Government would agree to the proposition under consideration, both Charleston and Orangeburg would put on a boat, and that many others would be placed in operation by the lumber interests along the route.

Congressman Legare closed the remarks by stating that he did not expect the board to reverse itself in voting at this time to sustain the recommendations of Engineer Adams, but that what he did ask was that the board simply hold up action and not dismiss the matter as final until it could look further into the situation. He, like Representative Lever, went into the matter at some length and begged the board to seriously consider the facts laid before it today.

Many questions were asked as to the commerce along the river, what it would mean in lower freight rates; what arrangements had been made to place boats in operation, and others that indicated a high degree of interest. Those who came to Washington will return home tomorrow, feeling that even if they are not successful at this time, determined effort will bring substantial results at some later day.

P. H. McGowan.

Will Name a Cadet.

At the request of Congressman Lever the following notice is published: "A competitive examination of all applicants from the Seventh Congressional District for the appointment of a vacancy at the United States Naval Academy which is on the 4th of March next, will be held in Columbia, on Saturday, January 31st, 1911, at 9 o'clock a. m. Those desiring to compete for this appointment should write me at once for a copy of the rules and regulations governing the admission of candidates to Annapolis and for permission to take this competitive examination."

TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS

The Old Board Turns Over Affairs to the New Board.

The old-board of Township Commissioners, which has managed the affairs of the county for the past two years to the entire satisfaction of the public, met for the last time on Tuesday morning, and wound up the business of their term of office. This meeting was preparatory to turning over the affairs of the county to the new board of Township Commissioners, elected in November, which also met for the first time on Tuesday, immediately after the old board adjourned.

The new board, headed by Supervisor Felder, is composed of the following well-known citizens: Branchville, T. E. Fairley; Bowman, Samuel Dibble; Edisto, J. E. Ashe; Cow Castle, J. T. Whetsell; Elizabeth, J. A. Livingston; Ellmore, J. L. Irick; Goodland, Abner Glean; Hebron, S. H. Inabinit; Liberty, J. W. Bonnett; Limestone, C. Glover; Middle, W. M. Patches; New Hope, I. J. Dukes; Orange, J. J. Fairley; Providence, G. G. Shuler; Rocky Grove, J. B. Sharp; Union, J. Clarence Shuler; Vance, W. A. Dantzler; Willow, W. F. Sandford; Zion, W. N. Hayden; Eutaw, T. J. Connor; Holly Hill, J. T. Russell.

There are eight new members on the board this year, that number of the old board not being re-elected for one cause and another. Some did not stand for re-election, and others failed to get votes enough in the primary, and so the changes came about. The present board, therefore, is composed of thirteen old commissioners and eight new ones. It is an intelligent, practical body of men, and the affairs of the county will be well looked after for the next two years by them. The new board organized Wednesday and transacted routine business, and adjourned.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining Unclaimed in the Orangeburg Post Office.

Persons calling for same will please say that they are "advertised." H. Baggett, Plaid Balatee, Mrs. J. G. Beckwith, Allen Benbo, Walter Biggs, Carrie Blocker, Edward Boyd, Dr. Bozard, Jas. Burk, Mrs. Lavina Cobbs, Nannie Davis, T. H. DeLaney, Estner Gedge, A. M. Harrison, D. L. Hartson, Annie Hamilton, James Haynes, E. Lang, Frank Lawton, J. Q. Lawson, S. E. McAllister, Betsey McManan, Dossie J. McDonald, Amelia Mays, John Mitchell, H. L. Morrist, Kate Murray, Gadsden Norris, Missie Perkins, C. R. Rush, Mrs. Esther Salley, Chas. Peroy Still, Willie E. Seawright, J. E. Sharpe, Mrs. Bertha Stokes, Levy Stoney, Mrs. Lula Strook, Julia Stroman, Isalah Summers, Isalah Washington, C. A. Washington, Sallie Williams, Georgiana Williams, Docia Wilson, Mattie Whitner.

A. D. Webster, Postmaster.

A Very Delightful Occasion.

On Friday night, December 30, there was a delightful party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Boylston. Those present were, Misses Bessie and Annie Pearson, Esther Bolen, Marie Kirkland, Beniah and Maggie Stoutamire, Mollie and Lucile Davis, Vivian Gant, Pearl Boylston, Mrs. T. L. Gant, Mrs. Vera Smoak, Mrs. R. E. Fanning, Mrs. Luther Davis; Messrs. Walker and Fred Boylston, Sumter Fanning, Marion Johnson, John and Marion Pearson, Willie Zeigler, Willie Hutto, Luther and Rotan and Leroy and Olin Davis, Judeon Rutland, Cuthbert and Tom Gant, Ben Stroman, Ben Bolen, Hampe Frackel, Julian Hughes, Jim Knight, Verg and Cary and Ben Smoak, Roselle Kirkland, Julian and Eugene Bonnett, and, after about five hours they all returned home well pleased. One Present.

A Family Reunion.

A family reunion was held on last Wednesday, near North, at the residence of Mr. Jake Mack. A few sisters and brothers were left to greet the fond sister, Mrs. Carolina J. Dooley, of Wilkins, Arkansas, who has been away for over twenty-eight years. About fifty nieces, grandnieces and nephews were present. A sumptuous dinner was served and heartily enjoyed by all. It was a source of genuine pleasure for such a large family to meet and renew old ties. Mrs. Dooley will return to her home some time next week, where the good wishes of her large circle of friends and loved ones will go with her. She was accompanied by her son, Mr. T. W. Dooley.

Will Take a Hand.

The Marlboro Press and Standard is speaking of the Edisto Project says: "Colleton county would be greatly interested, and the Commercial Club has taken hold of the matter with a view of taking some steps to aid the Orangeburg and Charleston communities in their fight. Accordingly President Padgett, has appointed a committee to secure data and report to a special meeting of the Club. Either a committee will be sent to Washington or a strong report sent up by the committees from Orangeburg and Charleston."

Pine Hill Dots.

We have been having some beautiful weather this week. Miss Corine Fanning has gone on a visit to her sister at Blackville, Mrs. Ned Brodie. Misses Maggie and Beulah Stoutamire have been spending a few days with relatives near Pine Hill. Misses Bessie and Annie Pearson and Messrs. John and Marion Pearson have been spending a few days with relatives near Pine Hill. Xmas has passed real lively around here.

MONEY NEEDED

FOR EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Supervisor Felder Estimates That It Will Take a Levy of Six and a Quarter Mills.

County Supervisor F. J. D. Felder, with the assistance of his efficient clerk, M. E. Zeigler, Esq., has completed an estimate of the amount of money that will be required to run the county for the current year, which has been forwarded to Comptroller General Jones in accordance with law. He estimates that it will take \$80,000 to meet the various items of expense that will have to be incurred by the county during the year. Supervisor Felder says the estimate is very nearly what will be required as it has been made up very carefully.

He says the estimate is based on the expenditures of the county for the past year, and on this the calculation was made as to what would be necessary for the current year. It is made out item by item, all the different departments of the county government being estimated for separately, and in this way it is claimed that the estimate will be found to be more nearly correct than heretofore. The exact figures of the estimate is \$80,480, which is a pretty good sum, but it seems to be down to the lowest notch.

It is estimated, taking the past year as a guide, that there will be raised in the county through other sources than by taxation, the sum of \$15,600, which will come from fines imposed by magistrates, licenses and the commutation tax. This \$15,600 is to be deducted from the \$80,480 estimated for, which would leave \$64,880 to be provided for by taxation, unless some other provision is made to meet a back indebtedness of \$14,000. Deduct this amount and \$50,880 is the amount to be raised by taxation. To do this Supervisor Felder, in his report to the Comptroller General, recommends a levy of not less than 6 1/4 mills for county taxes.

In order that the public may understand exactly where the money goes, the following estimate of expenses for each item is given:

For County Auditor, \$525.
For County Commissioners, Supervisor and Clerk's salary, \$3,300.
For County Treasurer's salary, \$550.
For County Board of Equalization, \$600.
For jury, witnesses and constable tickets, \$500.
For Clerk of Court, \$650.
For Sheriff, \$4100.
For Magistrates and Constables, \$4000.
For Coroner, \$400.
For poor house and poor, \$1850.
For repairs on roads and bridges, \$23000.
For repairs on public buildings, \$1000.
For books, stationery, and printing, \$1000.
For contingent expenses, \$1000.
For Confederate Veterans, \$1150.
For post mortems, examining lunatics, and conveying, \$450.
For jury commissioners and insurance, \$105.
For Judge of Probate, \$300.
For Supt. Education, \$800.
For convicts and chain gang, \$15,500.
For physician's and attorney's fees, \$400.
For past indebtedness, \$14,000.
For Berkeley county, \$1000.

The People and Its Editor.

A special to The News and Courier from Barnwell says: "The Barnwell People, owned and most ably edited by Major John W. Holmes, completed with the current number a third of a century of honorable service. During the entire time the People has been under the management of 'the Major,' as he is affectionately called by old and young, and has been a welcomed weekly visitor to many homes in this and other States. Major Holmes is, indeed, to be congratulated, and that the Barnwell People will 'live long and prosper' is the sincere wish of each and every one of his many friends." The Times and Democrat adds a hearty amen to all that is said above about Major Holmes and his most excellent paper, The People.

Good for Sumter.

A dispatch from Sumter says the 18th annual Sunday-school mass meeting was held Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian church. This is held every year for the purpose of raising funds for Christmas gifts for the poor. This year the amount raised was a record-breaker, the amount subscribed being \$559.22. Of this, however, \$240 was from the Toumey estate, one of the bequests of the late Mrs. Toumey being that \$3,000 should be invested, the proceeds to go for the benefit of the poor.

Better Trains.

The Augusta Chronicle says "the Southern Railway is equipping its road between Augusta and Branchville with new coaches and other new equipment. This is in line with the work followed by this road and is in keeping with their plan of improving travel through the South. Better accommodations than heretofore, cleaner and newer coaches combined with the present schedule of the Southern to Branchville insure were there."

Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank the people of my community for their kindness and thoughtfulness to me during my recent bereavement in the death of my mother. Such attentions can never be forgotten.

Geo. H. Muller.

HAIRPIN DEFEATS BURGLAR.

Attacks Young Lady in Her Home But is Routed.

A daring attempt at burglary almost terminated in the more terrible crime of murder was frustrated at Greenwood Tuesday morning at the residence of Mr. Joe Pinson as a dispatch to The State.

His daughter, Miss Ruth Pinson, a Winthrop student, heard a noise in the parlor about 6 o'clock. She pushed open the door and was seized by some one within, dragged inside, a cloth was thrown over her head and an attempt was made to push something in her mouth. She could not scream but jerked out a hair pin and began jabbing and scratching her assailant.

He in turn made a savage out directed at her head with some sharp instrument and cut off almost half her hair, which was done up on her head. Miss Pinson then fainted and the noise of her fall attracted her father who ran into the room.

The burglar jumped out of a window and escaped. It is believed that he has on his face marks of the hair pin used by Miss Pinson. The articles which he intended to take away were found outside the window. They included a large number of wedding presents belonging to a sister who was married last Thursday. Although every effort has been made to find a clue nothing has as yet developed as to who the burglar was or in what direction he has fled.

PROBE TEDDY'S AFRICAN TRIP:

Georgian Charges Institute With Wasting Public Money.

"The African hunting trip, as organized and carried out by the Smithsonian Institute, via Roosevelt, is the subject of the latest proposed Congressional investigation. The suggestion was received by Representative Rainey, of Illinois, from a citizen of a Georgia town, who referred to such an inquiry as a 'public service' and to the 'Smithsonian' as a 'trash heap institution.' Mr. Rainey is the Democrat who recently introduced a resolution to inquire into the manner in which Mr. Roosevelt obtained his transportation and supplies on his trips about the country while he was President.

Mr. Rainey proposes at the earliest opportunity to press this resolution, though it was referred to the rules committee and promptly pigeon-holed. The Georgian declared that an extension of such an inquiry to include the way in which the African hunt expedition expense was borne by the Smithsonian Institution "would show waste," extravagance and squandering of public money." The Smithsonian has never reported the cost of the expedition to Congress, but did submit a statement that 6,863 skins and 2,500 shoots or plants were obtained.

The old year is almost gone, but the new year is right at hand to commence the race of 1911.

SIX DEAD IN COLLISION.

Locomotive and Coal Cars in Wreck in Kentucky.

Six persons were killed in a wreck on the Miller Creek railway near Van Lear, a few miles above Paducah, Ky., Tuesday night. Of the victims four were passengers and the others trainmen.

The dead are: William Aters, brakeman, Cattleburg, Ky.; John Worley, conductor, Louisville, Ky.; L. G. Pinson, Van Lear, Ky.; F. E. Fugate, Van Lear, Ky.; L. A. Smeltzer, Ironton, Ohio.

The accident was caused by a collision between a locomotive and three coal cars of a mixed train which broke away while the accommodation was coming down the branch line to connect with the Chesapeake and Ohio passenger train at Van Lear. On the return trip the mixed train collided with these cars. The men who were killed were riding on the pilot of the locomotive.

Farmers and Merchants Bank.

At the annual meeting of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, held on Tuesday, the following board of directors was elected: Jas. B. Bowman, Edgar L. Culler, Geo. S. Davis, I. S. Harley, Thos. R. McGinnis, J. W. Sandel, Dr. L. K. Starke, L. E. Riley and J. D. Whitehurst. At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers were elected: I. S. Harley, president; Dr. L. K. Starke, vice-president; W. B. Thompson, cashier; A. F. Howard, assistant cashier; Bowman and Bowman, collectors.

They Were All Gone.

The St. Matthews correspondent of The News and Courier says the Court of General Sessions convened there Tuesday morning and then adjourned. Judge Memminger was on hand with the other regular court officials. His Honor was informed that the prisoners broke jail some time ago and were still at large. All the old cases were continued. This is the second adjournment without doing anything.

Goes It Alone.

Mr. E. E. Culler has withdrawn from the firm of Von Oben and Culler and will go in business on his own account. He has bought the house on John street opposite Mr. J. C. Fairley's stables, and will fit it up for an up-to-date wheelwright and blacksmith shop. Mr. Culler will go into the wagon and buggy business extensively, and we feel sure he will meet with great success.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

PICKED UP ALL OVER TOWN BY OUR REPORTERS.

What Is Happening Here and There. Local Items of Personal Interest to Our Readers.

Mr. Hydrick Smoak of Cordova was in town yesterday.

That cold wave got here at last. We do not care how soon it takes its departure.

All the college boys and girls have returned to their work from their Christmas visit home.

Mrs. Hilda Kite, of Tuequay, N. C., spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gibson, of the Fork.

The Kings Daughters of this city are doing a grand work, and they should have the assistance of all our citizens.

Rosenger, the Photographer, made the pictures of the three Orangeburg county schools that won the \$50.00 cash prizes.

Ensign Lawton Hydrick, U. S. N., who has been on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Dr. A. S. Hydrick, has returned to his duties.

If fuel and food were stored up in the high tide of summer work there would be fewer empty flour bins and wood sheds in the winter.

The only postal savings bank in South Carolina is located at Newberry. If that one works all right others will be established later.

Recently Mr. H. L. Baldwin, of Cordova, killed a fine turkey gobbler in the Edisto river swamp. We did not know there was such a game so near home.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Mack, of Cordova, have removed to Baltimore, where they will make their future home. Orangeburg county regrets to lose such valuable citizens.

We hear of several cases of pneumonia in different parts of the county. This is the season of the year for such diseases, and people should guard against them as much as possible.

Reports from the central South are to the effect that all over Kentucky, Alabama, Tennessee and portions of Louisiana and Texas the weather was freezing, with plenty of sleet, snow, and ice.

Mr. J. Felder Hunter, who has been with Mr. Geo. Zeigler for some time, has resigned. He has not yet determined as to what business he will engage in. We hope he will remain in the city.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Paul's Methodist church will meet at the station parsonage on tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock. This is an important meeting a full attendance is earnestly desired.

The statement published that the secret societies of the city will pay the salary of the nurse employed by the Kings Daughters is a mistake. The contributions made by these societies will help, but what they contribute will not near pay all the salary.

Good and convenient crossings should be made on all the streets of the city so as people who live on the back streets could reach the business centre without wading ankle deep in slush to do so. We know of no improvement that is more urgently needed than these street crossings.

Mr. Frank E. Smith and family has removed to Leno, Fla., where Mr. Smith will engage in the turpentine business. We regret to lose such valuable citizens as Mr. Smith and his family. Their many friends here wish them a happy and prosperous residence in their new home.

A Scientific Farmer.

The St. Matthews correspondent of The News and Courier says: "Mr. Whit W. Wannamaker, Jr., a successful young farmer of this community, won the first prize in both the county and district corn contests. He is a graduate of Clemson College and is splendidly applying his modern scientific methods to his business. He is now feeding fifty head of cattle, with the view of building up more rapidly his already magnificent farm. An unswerving believer in diversification of crops, he has been devoting special attention to grain. He sold, in round numbers, 3,000 bushels of oats this season in various parts of the South and as high as Richmond, Va., for good prices. During the past summer he sold 800 bushels of corn besides supplying his home with more meat and lard of his own raising than he needed. He bids fair to become one of the leading scientific farmers of Clemson County. It should be tried at this time unless there is very strong reasons for its postponement."

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